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WEIGHT POLYETHYLENE PROSTHETIC DEVICES

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

United States Patent and Trademark Office Randolph Building 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Applicants herein respond to Office Action mailed September 14, 2009 (Paper No. 20090910). Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time, as well as any other needed extension, and provide the requisite fee herewith. Please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 50-2283.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections in view of the following remarks.